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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

Cancel claims 1 to 3 and add the following claims.

--23. A compound selected from the group consisting of a compound of the formula

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80.00 0D
R₃
R₁
OH
I_A

wherein R_1 is lower alkyl, R_2 , R_3 , R_4 and R_5 are individually selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen and $-OSO_2R_{10}$, R_6 is